

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 184400 POSS DUPE
ORIGIN EA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SP-02 OES-07 CU-04 PA-01 INR-07
AID-05 NSC-05 CIAE-00 ONY-00 /041 R

DRAFTED BY EA/ROC:DGBROWN/BLEVIN/WLUNDY
APPROVED BY EA/ROC:BLEVIN
DESIRED DISTRIBUTION
EA, S/P, OES/APT/BMP, CU/EA, PA/M, INR/REA, AID/EA, NSC, CIA/I/JP
ONLY

-----012766 070452Z /10

R 051753Z AUG 77
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS
CINCPAC

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 184400

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EGEN, TW

SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - EA/ROC

1. GIRDING FOR NORMALIZATION (CONFIDENTIAL)

PREMIER CHIANG HAS PUBLICLY URGED TAIWAN TO FACE THE PROSPECT OF NORMALIZATION WITH UNITY, SELF-RELIANCE, CALM AND CONFIDENCE IN THE ROC'S ECONOMIC AND MILITARY STRENGTH. THE TAIPEI PRESS HAS PREDICTABLY PICKED UP ON THIS UP-BEAT THEME AS THE ROC, WORRIED ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF NORMALIZATION, BEGINS MOVING THE SELF-RIGHTEOUSLY RESENTFUL MOOD OF THE PAST FEW WEEKS IN A MORE REALISTIC, USEFUL DIRECTION. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO PREPARE THE PUBLIC FOR EXPECTED NORMALIZATION ARE ALSO EVIDENT IN ECONOMIC MINISTER SUN'S
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 184400 POSS DUPE

PUBLIC PREDICTION THAT US-ROC ECONOMIC RELATIONS WILL PROSPER REGARDLESS OF SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. US-ROC TRADE RISE CONTINUES (UNCLASSIFIED)

OFFICIAL U.S. TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1977
SHOW THAT TOTAL TRADE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND TAIWAN AMOUNTED

TO MORE THAN \$2.7 BILLION, AN INCREASE OF 27.3 PERCENT IN CURRENT DOLLARS OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN (\$1.73 BILLION) ROSE BY 31 PERCENT, WHILE EXPORTS (\$1.01 BILLION) INCREASED BY 21.5 PERCENT. OUR TRADE DEFICIT WITH TAIWAN, \$720 MILLION FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD, ALSO ROSE SHARPLY.

3. FAN'S FAN-FARE (UNCLASSIFIED)

A FULL-PAGE AD ON PRC DEFECTOR FAN APPEARING IN TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES URGES AMERICANS TO WRITE THE CHINESE COMMUNIST UN AND WASHINGTON OFFICES SEEKING FAN'S FAMILY'S RELEASE. PERHAPS AS A MODEST ROC RESPONSE TO OUR WARNINGS THAT EFFORTS TO EMBARRASS US ON THIS ISSUE WOULD BACKFIRE, THE ADVERTISEMENT MAKES NO MENTION OF FAN'S LETTER TO THE SECRETARY, NOR DOES IT IN ANY OTHER WAY ALLUDE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF AMERICAN INTERVENTION WITH THE PRC ON BEHALF OF FAN. THE AD APPEARS UNDER THE NAME OF THE CHURCHES UNION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. WHILE OSTENSIBLY DIVINELY SPONSORED, WORLDLY GROC INSPIRATION IS PROBABLE. THE U.S. PRESS CONTINUES TO IGNORE THE ISSUE.

4. VERA FOLLOWS THELMA (CONFIDENTIAL)

TYPHOON VERA STRUCK NORTHERN TAIWAN ON JULY 31, ONLY SIX
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 184400 POSS DUPE

DAYS AFTER TYPHOON THELMA CAUSED WIDESPREAD DEVASTATION IN THE ISLAND'S SOUTHERN QUARTER. MAJOR DAMAGE OCCURRED IN TAIPEI AND THE NEARBY PORT OF KEELUNG. THERE WERE 38 DEATHS REPORTED, INCLUDING ONE AMERICAN. AS ROC OFFICIALS HAVE DECIDED TO MEET THIS DISASTER WITHOUT OUTSIDE HELP, WE HAVE APPROVED AMBASSADOR UNGER'S PROPOSAL TO MAKE ONLY A SYMBOLIC \$15,000 DONATION TO THE ROC RED CROSS AS AN EXPRESSION OF AMERICAN SYMPATHY. WE ARE ALSO WORKING WITH DOD TO RAPIDLY REPLACE ROC RADARS IN NORTHERN TAIWAN WHICH WERE DESTROYED IN THE STORM. CHRISTOPHER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLITICAL STABILITY, DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ESTABLISHMENT, TRADE DATA, NATURAL DISASTERS, STORMS, DEFECTORS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 05-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE184400
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: DGBROWN/BLEVIN/WLUNDY
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770283-0964
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770891/aaaacywb.tel
Line Count: 104
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 7c59e360-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: ONLY
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: ONLY
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06-Apr-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1693059
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - EA/ROC
TAGS: PFOR, EGEN, PDIP, SREF, ETRD, SWEL, TW, US, CH
To: EA POSTS CINCPAC
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/7c59e360-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009